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1. At the beginning of January 1949, almost the entire stocks of crude phosphate had been exhausted in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The two principal phosphate plants (Fertilia, Salzwedel, and Fahlberg-List AG, Magdeburg) were expected to stop production by 15 January unless new supplies were forthcoming. The plant in Coswig had only a two months' supply on hand, while the supplies of the small factories at Draschwitz-Reuden and Oschersleben were expected to last not more than three to four weeks. Up to the beginning of January, no contracts for crude phosphate deliveries during 1949 had been signed. Negotiations with the USA had failed, while negotiations with a Belgian group were still under way. The authorities were especially interested in phosphate from Morocco, although 5,000 tons were still due from a previous contract.

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2. In the past, the SAG Siemens Plania in Berlin-Lichtenberg had been supplied with hard coal from the Ruhr stockpile; however, at the end of January, there was only a two weeks' supply left. It was therefore planned to lay off 400 men of the plant's 2800 workers by 1 February.

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3. There is a critical shortage of the following materials, which is due partly to counter-blockade measures taken by the Western powers, and partly to the difficulty of securing these items in post-war Europe:

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Refined steel, various kinds
Steel for tools and machine construction
Silver and high-speed steel
Steel wire
Steel wire rope
Cold-rolled steel (mainly "Automatenstahl")
Spring band steel
Steel pipes
Piano wire

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Section steel
 Carbonyl iron (?-Karbonileisen)
 Chromium
 Cobalt
 Metal files
 Hack-saw blades
 Metal circular saws
 Special kinds of sheet metal
 Hoops and wires made of chrome-nickel steel
 German silver
 Nickel
 Manganese
 "Constantan"
 Bimetal
 Tungsten
 Phenol
 Bakelite
 Bakelite varnish and various kinds of "Oelisdations" (sic)
 varnish
 High tension insulation paper
 Insulating material (Gewebe)
 Compressed insulating substances of first quality
 Tin foil for use in condensers
 Electric bulbs
 All kinds of radio tubes
 Tires and rubber parts for automobiles and bicycles
 Slag wool
 Metal fittings
 Precision instruments

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4. A large number of industrial concerns, with the approval of the German Economic Commission, have ordered certain urgently needed materials from firms located in the western zones, particularly in the British zone. The Russian zone concerns offered payment at 10 - 25 percent above current market prices. Products of Soviet AGs, on the other hand, are sold to these west-zone firms on a barter basis at a price 35 - 40 percent below the prevalent price. Transport risks are borne by the western firms.

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